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FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON FROM S/PRS.

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FOLLOWING ARE HIGHLIGHTS OF ACTING SPOKESMAN'S RESPONSES AT
TODAY'S BRIEFING:

1. VINNELL CORP TRAINING OF SAUDI NATIONAL GUARD -- THIS
SUBJECT OCCUPIED MOST OF TODAY'S LENGTHY BRIEFING.
FUNSETH STRESSED LONG-STANDING US POLICY OF COOPERATION
WITH AND SUPPORT OF SAUDI ARABIA; ALSO FACT THAT VINNELL
CONTRACT IS FOR TRAINING AND SOME LOGISTICS SUPPORT WITHIN
LARGER PROGRAM (IN EXCESS OF \$300 MILLION) OF MODERNIZATION
OF SAUDI NG. STATED THAT SAUDI NG IS USED FOR INTERNAL
SECURITY AND THAT THIS PROGRAM IS SEPARATE FROM SAUDI
DEFENSE SURVEY. (ENTIRE TEXT BEING SENT SEPTTEL.)

2. PRG INFORMATION OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA -- CONFIRMED THAT
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ACTING SECY INGERSOLL INVITED AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR TO

DEPARTMENT FOR MEETING TODAY, BUT DECLINED TO COMMENT ON
SUBSTANCE. (SUBSEQUENT READOUT OF MEETING PROVIDED TO PRESS
STATED ONLY THAT ACTING SECY AND AUSTRALIAN AMB DISCUSSED
NUMBER OF SUBJECTS "INCLUDING VIETNAM AND US VIEWS ON THE
PRG.")

3. AID TO VIETNAM -- REFERRED QUESTIONS ON PRESIDENT'S
COMMENTS ON AID TO VIETNAM GIVEN IN INTERVIEW WITH CHICAGO
TRIBUNE TO WHITE HOUSE BUT STATED THAT SUPPLEMENTAL
REQUEST NOW BEFORE CONGRESS AND WE IN PROCESS OF CONSULT-
ING WITH CONGRESS ON THAT REQUEST.

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